

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brett S. Sylvester on 08/28/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel Claims 1-11.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 12-19** are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The reference Vogt can not predict whether nor not the use of the dipolar-aprotic solvent would be successful for preparing non-aqueous gel of polyacrylamide in a similar manner to the case of CMC, because CMS is quite different than polyacrylamide. Therefore, Vogt does not fairly suggest releasing the C-terminal amino acids successively for the sample of the target peptide bound on a polyacrylamide gel carrier.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT XU whose telephone number is (571)270-5560. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 7:30am-5:00pm, Fri 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vickie Kim can be reached on (571)272-0579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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